

New Song News

Psalm 24:1–6 (ESV) ¹The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, ²for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. ³Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. ⁵He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. ⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Hebrews 5:12–14 (ESV) ¹²For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, ¹³for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Today

- ✓ First-time guests, fill out a blue Welcome Card & drop it in the offering plate. We invite you to take one of Pastor Herb's books as a welcome gift

This Week

- ✓ **r12 True Spirituality**, Romans 12 study in worship & Learning Community
- ✓ Wednesday, 10:00am, Women's Bible Study.
- ✓ Thursday, 7pm, **Learning Communities resume.**
- ✓ Friday, 10:00am, Women's Bible Study.
- ✓ Friday, 1pm, **Learning Communities resume.**
- ✓ Sunday, 9am, toddler & elementary Sunday school, Learning Community

Looking Ahead

- ✓ May 17, 8-9:30am, Monthly Men's Study
- ✓ June 21, 9am-1pm, New Song Ladies Tea. Sign up in entryway.
- ✓ June 27, 6-8pm, Special Prayer Gathering for Church of God convention.
- ✓ **Recycle your aluminum cans** – Proceeds support Children of Promise. Bring them to H.Q. & put them in the wooden enclosure to the left of the front door.
- ✓ Submit Prayer Requests: email or text newsongpittsburgh@gmail.com
- ✓ New Song FB Live: <https://www.facebook.com/NewSongPittsburgh>
- ✓ Sunday sermons, outlines & other studies can be found on New Song YouTube Channel & Spotify. Use the QR code to access



Gen. Offering	Budget	Family Assistance	Children of Promise	Building Fund
4/27/2025 \$ 1,652.00	\$ 4,006.23	4/27/2025 \$ 0.00	4/27/2025 \$ 10.00	4/27/2025 \$ 10.00
To Date \$ 71,463.37	\$ 68,105.92	Balance: \$ 2,929.97	Month Total \$ 126.30	To Date \$ 975.00
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New Song Notes

Pastor Herb Shaffer

Giving God What He Really Wants

May 4, 2025

Becoming an r12 True Christ-Follower, part 2

Romans 12:1–2 ¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. **Romans 12:1–2 (ESV)**

- ➔ Pastor Herb's **strong challenge** to be in r12 Learning Communities
- ➔ True spirituality is **ever growing** Intimacy, Alignment & Assignment
 - ✚ Intimacy – **knowing** God as He really is
 - ✚ Alignment – **following** God as He really leads
 - ✚ Assignment – **obeying** God as He really instructs

Joining God in the life we long for

1. Everything is the requirement.

Proverbs 3:5–6 (ESV) ⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Luke 9:23 (ESV) And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Luke 14:33 (ESV) So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

2. Offering our bodies as living sacrifices is the beginning.

Mark 12:30 (ESV) And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

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✚ to present your bodies ...

✚ as a living sacrifice, ...

Galatians 2:20 (ESV) I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

✚ holy and acceptable to God, ...

✚ which is your spiritual worship...

3. Ever-deepening surrender is the lifestyle.

➔ Peter's ever-deepening surrender

Matthew 4:18–20 (ESV) ¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Matthew 19:27 (ESV) ²⁷Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?"

Matthew 14:22–33 (ESV) (pew Bible page 820)

John 21:17–19 (ESV) (pew Bible page 907)

2 Peter 1:3 (ESV) His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

What do we do with this?

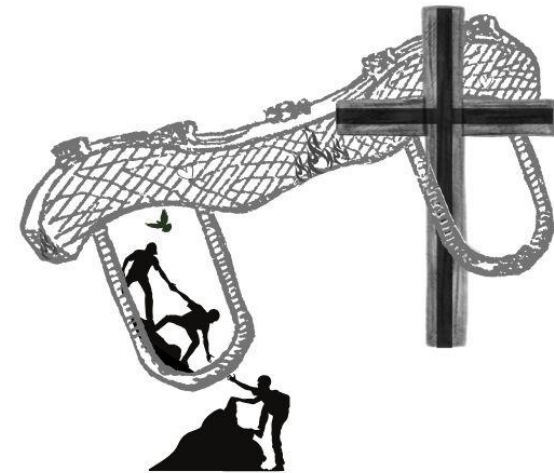
✚ Read Romans 12 at least 3 times a week

✚ Participate in Sunday worship and Learning Community

☒ What stuck out to you?

☒ What is God saying about what stuck out?

☒ What do you need to do in response?



2025

**Walking in step with Jesus
with His Presence, Love and Power**

²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28–30 (ESV)